

38,000 A.F. of L. Local Unions To Aid in U.S. Pay Campaign

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the inequalities in the salary standard fixed in 1883 and request the President to recommend to Congress a general increase in salary. Those circulating the petitions are asked to have them returned with signatures before January 20.

Today President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will confer at American Federation of Labor headquarters with unionists interested in increased pay legislation by the present session of Congress. President Gompers will outline ways and means for continuing the fight.

Although the Senate was not in session yesterday and the House adjourned after a 15-minute session, out of respect to the memory of Representative Tribble, the various committees were hard at work on the supply bills and prospects are for an early report.

Representatives of the Federal Employees' Union made an effort to arrange a conference with Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House Committee on Appropriations, but were unsuccessful. They will renew their effort tomorrow.

Committee Heads Favorable.

Chairman Lever, of the House Committee on Agriculture, informed a representative of the union that he would support the movement for increased wages and favors having the committee on appropriations follow in making increased salaries. Other committee chairman expressed themselves to the delegation as favoring higher salaries.

Because of the limited time the committee

teas oppose open hearings. They will hear the representatives of the employees in private, however.

Much interest attaches to the meeting of the House Committee on Appropriations tomorrow, when an attempt will be made to write into the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill an amendment providing graded increases. Chairman Bryns, of Tennessee, will report the bill to the full committee and will press for its acceptance by the full committee. Two members of the subcommittee will fight the increased salary clauses with all their strength, but an unofficial poll shows that the Federal workers have enough friends to insure the report of the bill on Tuesday with the first general salary revision made in fifty years.

Two-Year Raise Proposed.

One of the big Democratic leaders of the House has suggested to representatives of the employees that the increased salary schedule be offered as an emergency measure, with the understanding that the salaries be put back to the present standard at the end of two years. It was suggested that all members cannot deny that prices are high because of the European war and that salaries should be revised to meet them.

When the proposal was outlined at an informal meeting of the various delegations working for higher salaries, it was unanimously turned down.

"We would rather go along at our present salaries than have them advanced for two years and then put back on the old scale," was the sentiment of the committee.

SANTA NOT EXPECTED IN U. S. CLERKS' HOME

Family Forced to Skimp on Food; Salary Only \$60 Monthly.

One chicken dinner since his governmental service began, and the prospect of a Christmas without a Santa Claus unless charity intervenes, are among the features of life pictured by a Department of Commerce employee supporting a wife and two children on a salary of \$60 per month.

Editor The Washington Herald: I wish to thank you for your campaign for increased salaries for government employees.

I came here more than two years ago as an assistant messenger at a salary of \$40 per month, and I am still employed at the same salary. I am married and have two children, 2 and 4 years old, and it certainly is a struggle for us to exist. We have had but one chicken dinner since we came here; roast beef is a luxury, and we never have had a turkey. I don't know what I would have done if relatives had not sent me apples, pork and butter. I have gone to the wharf and bought oysters in chucks by the bushel in order to give my children a little something to eat. I have never been able to contribute to church, and it almost makes me ashamed to go.

Christmas is coming and there will be no Santa Claus at our house unless charity is accepted. Last year some of the women at the office provided the children with toys.

How long will Uncle Sam allow his employees to be objects of charity?

A MESSENGER.

SUPPORTS INVALID WIFE ON A SALARY OF \$840

After twenty-seven years' service, an employee of the government gets \$40 a year, which he is supporting his partly paralyzed wife. In all that time he has never been absent on account of illness. His letter follows:

Editor The Washington Herald: I thank you for the article in your issue of December 3rd, which has advocated the cause of the poor, underpaid government servants, getting hardly enough to keep food in the house for the wife and children. I have been in the government service twenty-seven years and have never been absent on account of sickness. I work on an average of thirty hours a month extra time and have never taken all the annual leave allowed me. I am getting \$540 a year. I have an invalid wife, paralyzed on the right side. I am having a hard time to get along and I am sure investigation would disclose many similar cases.

I pray daily that God may soften the hearts of this Congress that in the end they may help us. Again I thank you, Mr. Editor, for the great good you are doing.

FROM ONE WHO ASKS A CRIME FROM OUR RICH GOVERNMENT TABLE.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

WHITE.
William D. and Mary E. Buford, girl.
James M. and Mary E. Butler, boy.
Harold D. and Evelyn Shannon, boy.
Michael M. and Florence N. Minter, girl.
Edney N. and Edith Smith, boy.
Frank and Nettie Corbush, boy.
Thomas F. and Barbara C. Sweeney, boy.
Edward J. and Alice S. Chester, girl.
COLORADO.
Arthur and Louisa Banks, boy.

DEATHS REPORTED.

WHITE.
Mary Scott, 62 years, 1336 N. J. ave. nw.
Mary Dunn, 58, 149 H. st. nw.
William A. Delemon, 55, Providence Hospital.
William H. Beaman, 72, 28 B. 1. ave. nw.
Ann Dove, 79, 2515 Benning rd.
Charles B. Craig, 61, 2018 Humboldt ave. nw.
Christiana Howell, 77, 626 12th st. se.
Winifred O'Connor, 75, 1418 Belmont st. nw.
Margaret A. Hall, 74, 715 Monroe st. nw.
Margaret P. D. Rice, 70 months, 604 M. d.
COLORADO.
Mary A. Lawson, 58, 208 — st. nw.
Robert Tuckman, 77, Washington Asylum Hospital.
Anna Gardiner, 65, 1531 19th st. nw.
John Simms, 57, 5 Genesford st. se.

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MORE SENATORS EAGER TO AID U. S. EMPLOYEES

Sentiment in Upper Chamber Crystallizing in Favor of Raise.

Sentiment in the Senate is crystallizing in favor of placing Uncle Sam's thousands of employees on a more substantial financial footing.

A large majority of the Senate is in favor of increasing the salaries of employees under the \$1,500 class, and there is yet to be discovered a Senator who believes the government should pay a man less than the duties he performs justify.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, expressed a sentiment yesterday which is in full accord with the views of many other Senators when he declared: "I would be ashamed of myself if I did not favor a bill to increase the salaries of the government employee who is making hardly enough to sustain himself and family, especially when the cost of living is as high as it is now."

Other Senators yesterday climbed upon the "bandwagon," announcing their intention to vote for any safe and sane measure which would bring justice to the employees to whom justice is due. They are Senator Cummins, of Iowa, one of the Republican leaders; Senator Thompson, of Kansas; Senator Thomas, of Colorado, candidate for President pro-tem of the Senate; Senator Jones, of Washington, Progressive-Republican leader and one of the most active "reformers" of the Senate; Senator Smith, of Arizona, and Senator Shields, of Tennessee.

Hopeful of Success.

It is the opinion of these Senators that a bill providing an increase for underpaid employees could be passed in the Senate.

Senate leaders assume an extremely cautious attitude, however, when a general horizontal increase in pay is mentioned. But there is no mistaking the sympathy among them for the clerks and laborers who are forced to scrape and sweat the high cost of living, with a pay envelope ranging from \$2,000 a year to \$450 as their only weapon.

"The Federal government should set an example to the country," said Senator Jones, "by doing something for the relief of employees who are underpaid. There are a lot of employees who are getting only about \$400 or \$500 a year. How they manage to live I cannot conceive. These are the men who have my warmest sympathy. The government should not pay any laborer less than \$50 a month. How a man can support a family on less than that is more than I can fathom. I am not in favor of increasing the pay of the employees who are already getting good salaries, but the man who is working for almost next to nothing is deserving of all my sympathy."

Senator Smith declared that he had "an intense sympathy for the man who isn't paid enough for his work, whether employed by the government or by a private concern." A bill that is aimed to relieve conditions among government employees who have hearty support, Senator Smith asserted. "The government ought to pay as anyone else would for the work that is done," he said, "and there are a lot of poor fellows who now aren't getting enough."

Champion of Cause.

One of the warmest champions of the Federal employee is Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who is heartily in accord with the movement to increase the pay of Uncle Sam's employees.

"Any employee of the government ought to get enough to live on decently," Senator Cummins stated emphatically. "Many clerks are getting \$2,500 a year. That isn't enough, I believe, but they can manage to live on it, even under present conditions. It is the clerks and the laborers who are getting under \$500 who have my keenest sympathy. It is very hard for them to make both ends meet, now especially, and a great many of them cannot, certainly those who are getting under \$1,000 a year. I would be glad to see Congress pass a bill affording a just increase to these men," said Senator Cummins, "and it would get my vote."

Senator Thompson declared:

"It would be simply an act of justice to provide better pay for small-salaried employees."

"It has come to this," he said. "A man must either cheat his grocer or his landlord. Now the average man doesn't want to cheat anybody. He wants to pay all his bills as he goes along and keep out of debt. But to pay his bills he has to have the money, and I think it is only an act of justice for the government to pay its employees enough to live on without being forced to cheat either his grocer or his landlord."

Senator Thompson expressed the opinion that the high cost of foodstuffs would disappear at the close of the European war or else will be greatly reduced.

Senator Shields, of Tennessee, is in favor of giving the \$500 and \$900 employees enough money to live on properly. He is studying the question carefully and said that the underpaid employee had his sympathy.

Senator Robinson is an out-and-out advocate of increased salaries.

SAYS U. S. WILL BRING ABOUT EUROPEAN PEACE

"The United States is the one nation that stands for peace, honesty, and justice among the nations of the world. It will be the one great central influence which will bring peace in Europe and the one great factor in preserving peace."

Thus spoke Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, last night before the Missouri State at Rauscher's.

A musical program under direction of Mrs. W. C. Stierlen was given. Those taking part were Prof. John O. Russell, Miss Barbara Stedman, Miss Helen Dodge, Miss Yena Sutton and Miss Lillie May Wimar.

"HAMLET HAD BRAINSTORMS."

"Hamlet had brainstorms," declared Reverend Willey, lecturing on "Hamlet" before the Shakespeare Society of America last night in the Cairo Apartment, Q street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest.

"The Prince of Denmark was mad at times, and about some subjects. His mind was so keen, pure and highly organized that it was continually hovering on the shadowy borderland between insanity and sanity, until Hamlet, at the end, became entirely mad."

Dr. Willey illustrated his argument with scenes from Shakespeare's play.

Musical selections by members of the society were features of the program.

MOFFET HEADS TRAFFIC CLUB.

The Traffic Club, composed of officers and representatives of the railroads and steamship lines last night at the University Club elected these officers: President, J. T. Moffet, Washington Railway and Electric Company; vice president, F. L. Marshall, Baltimore and Ohio freight secretary; W. B. Peckham, re-elected; treasurer, J. P. M. Duvall, re-elected.

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PROPER USE OF TIME DISCUSSED BY WRITER

In explaining "The Proper Use of Time" in a recent issue of the Christian Science Sentinel, Clarence W. Chadwick, C. S. B., writes as follows:

"It is a very easy matter to say that we have all the time there is in which to accomplish certain tasks, but the question which naturally arises is whether we are spending it profitably or unprofitably. Whatever spiritual talents we may possess, it is the use we make of them which identifies us as either drones or workers in the Father's vineyard. The mere hoarding of material riches may often make us paupers instead of princes in the sight of God."

"The individual who does not know that God is unceasingly demanding something of him, does not know how to spend his time. About as far as the average man goes, is to concede that God wants him to be as good as he possibly can be in this present world; but the admonition of the Master for him to be perfect even as the Father is perfect, does not make any practical appeal to him. Failing as he does to grasp the metaphysical meaning of this Scriptural command, he likewise fails to comprehend the importance of giving more time to spiritual things."

"Time is a synonym for mortal thinking in all its moods. In the infinite activity of the one Mind there is no thought of time. When all mortal thinking ceases, and the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea, time will be no more. It is needless to say that Christian Science has brought this understanding of the Science of being to the world, so that no one who has proved the truth that 'all is Mind and Mind's idea' (Science and Health, p. 42), can any longer plead ignorance of the demands of God upon him as an individual. The earnest student of Christian Science knows, beyond all question of a doubt, that God demands of him every hour of every day in which to practice the Science of being. To him the command to be perfect is no theoretical abstraction, but a practical and demonstrable reality; it is the straight and narrow way leading heavenward. Were it impossible for him here and now to reduce to practice the divine Principle of perfecting himself, he would be as one having no hope, and without God in the world. He would cease to be a Christian Scientist the moment he failed to apply the Principle of perfection to his own daily thinking and living."

No Time With God.

"There is with humanity a mistaken belief that time will sooner or later solve every human problem. Time never accomplished anything, unless human thoughts, theories, beliefs, and opinions are capable of benefiting the human race. Waiting on time to work out any human problem leaves the trammels and limitations of a materialist's testimony undisturbed, waiting on divine Love is a conscious recognition of the eternal fact of being, that man is the conscious image and likeness of God; in other words, the ever-present activity of right ideas and proving its unreasoning belief that there is a human being who could wish for man anything more exalted than to be the conscious, active reflection or manifestation of infinite intelligence, he is certainly hard to please. The student of Christian Science can say from the heart with the psalmist, I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

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